

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that Holyoke public schools will receive a \$802,989 grant to establish after-school programs.

"After-school programs are exactly what working families need -- they establish a safe place for children and provide a place where they can learn and grow," Olver said.

The \$802,989 grant was awarded to the Hampshire Education Collaborative (HEC), a multi-school district organization that provides professional development and technical assistance to schools in the Holyoke area.

The \$479,200 grant was awarded to the Holyoke Public Schools to establish three Community Learning Centers, which will provide a safe and supportive environment for students and staff.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center Program provides grants to rural and inner-city schools to establish community learning centers.

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